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Building Code Reference(s): Note: 1999 Errata 3.2.1.1.(3); 3.2.1.1.(4)

Question:

Does Article 3.2.1.1. of the BCBC 1998 allow an enclosed mezzanine of 10% of the horizontal plane, plus an open mezzanine of 30% of the horizontal plane (Leaving 60% of the horizontal plane "open")[refer to Sentence 3.2.1.1.(3)] plus an enclosed mezzanine of 10% of the total suite area [refer to Sentence 3.2.1.1.(4)], to be classified as a mezzanine for the purpose of determining building height.

Interpretation:

No.

It is interpreted that, it is required to comply with both Sentence 3.2.1.1.(3) and Sentence 3.2.1.1.(4), and that the total aggregate area of enclosed mezzanine shall not exceed 10% of the suite area.

It is not intended to permit both an enclosed mezzanine of 10% of the horizontal plane [Sentence 3.2.1.1.(3)], plus an enclosed mezzanine of 10% of the suite area [Sentence 3.2.1.1.(4)], to be classified as a mezzanine for the purpose of determining building height relative to construction requirements (3.2.2), interconnected floor space requirements (3.2.8) or exiting requirements (Section 3.4). This could result in the total aggregate area of enclosed mezzanines exceeding 10% of the suite area and therefore Sentence 3.2.1.1.(4) would require the mezzanine(s) to be classified as a storey in calculating building height.



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